1997 Notable Children's Books in the English Language Arts

The Abracadabra Kid
Written by S. Greenwillow Fleischman

Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair
Written by Patricia Polacco

The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker
Written by Cynthia DeFelice

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
Written by Karen Cushman

Belle Prater's Boy
Written by Ruth White

Beyond the Western Sea: Book One: The Escape from Home
Beyond the Western Sea: Book Two: Lord Kirke's Money
Written by Avi

Brian's Winter
Written by Gary Paulsen

The Children of Topaz: The Story of a Japanese-American Internment Camp
Written by Michael O. Tunnell and George W. Holiday

Dangerous Skies
Written by Suzanne Fisher Staples

Dateline Troy
Written by Paul Fleischman
Collages by Gwen Frankfeldt and Glen Morrow

A Desert Scrapbook: Dawn to Dusk in the Sonoran Desert
Written by Virginia Wright-Frierson

Echoes for the Eye: Poems to Celebrate Patterns in Nature
Written by Barbara Juster Ebensen
Illustrated by Helen K. Davie
Free to Dream – The Making of a Poet: Langston Hughes
Written by Audrey Osofsky

A Gaggle of Geese
Written by Phillippa-Alys Browne

The Graphic Alphabet
Written by David Pelletier

The History of Making Books
Scholastic Voyages

Jip: His Story
Written by Katherine Paterson

Keepers
Written by Alice Schertle
Illustrated by Ted Rand

Market!
Written by Ted Lewin

The Mystery of King Karfu
Written by Doug Cushman

The Old Woman Who Named Things
Written by Cynthia Rylant
Illustrated by Kathryn Brown

Out of the Dump: Writings and Photographs by Children from Guatemala
Written by Kristine L. Franklin and N. McGirr

Sees Behind Trees
Written by Michael Dorris

Some Smug Slug
Written by Pamela Duncan Edwards
Illustrated by Henry Cole
Starry Messenger: A Book Depicting the Life of a Famous Scientist, Mathematician, Astronomer, Philosopher, Galileo Galilei
Written by Peter Sis

Step by Wicked Step
Written by Anne Fine

Tomorrow’s Alphabet
Written by George Shannon
Illustrated by Donald Crews

The Unbreakable Code
Written by Sara Hoagland Hunter
Illustrated by Julia Miner

When I Was Your Age: Original Stories About Growing Up
Written by Amy Ehrlich

Zel
Written by Donna Jo Napoli